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GAS AND COAL PRODUCTION
ABOVE QUOTA

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION -- Scantzia, No 1297, 9 Dec 48

The planned production of natural gas for November has been surpassed by 13 percent: gas from petroleum by 2 percent; methane gas, by 24 percent. Liquefied gas production for November was 662 tons of "Aragaz."

The Manesti-Bucharest gas line which will be ready by 20 December will furnish the capital with an additional 300,000 cubic meters of gas. The Grosavesti factory will use gas instead of oil, and 750 tons of oil per day -- 2,250 carloads of oil per month -- will be saved.

Drilling of gas wells at Zaul de Campie by the Methane Gas Administration surpassed the quota by 5 percent, and at Saros by 40 percent.

OPENING OF THE MANESTI-BUCHAREST GAS MAIN -- Scantzia, No 1313, 30 Dec 48

The opening of the Manesti-Bucharest gas main was celebrated on 29 December at Bucharest. Among the notables present at the celebration were Miron Constantinescu, member of the Politburo, Central Committee, Rumanian Workers' Party, and Minister of Mines and Petroleum, and representatives of the Rumanian Workers' Party of Bucharest, and the Administration of Methane Gas, the Union Council of Ilfov Judet. Also present were workers and technicians who constructed the main and workers and technicians from the various enterprises in Bucharest which will use methane gas. A total of one million cubic meters of natural gas will be brought to Bucharest daily by this new main and the other older mains. The use of natural gas will lower the production cost of many articles since gas is much cheaper than oil for firing.

ELECTRIFICATION IN CONSTANTA JUDET -- Scantzia, No 1292, 3 Dec 48,

Work is in progress to electrify more sections of the city of Constanta and one of its suburbs, Vilele Noue. A transformer station is being built at

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Teohirghiol which will change 6,000 volts to 380 volts for industrial use, and 6,000 volts to 220 volts for street and house lighting. Reinforced concrete masts are being erected between Eforie and Vasile Roaita to carry 6,000-volt lines. The workers have pledged completion of all projects by 30 December 1948.

ELECTRIC-POWER PLANT IN CEMENT FACTORY -- Scantela, No 1297, 9 Dec 48

An electric-power plant has been built at the "Trassia" Cement Factory in Dej. This plant will furnish electricity for the factory.

BRIQUETTE FACTORY REOPENED -- Scantela, No 1293, 4 Dec 48

On 18 November 1948, the "Concordia" Briquette Factory in Vulcan produced its first briquettes since 1944, when it was closed by the former owners. The factory will have a production capacity of 4,000 kilograms of briquettes per hour. The quality of the product is very high, and railroads and other enterprises will use this fuel.

RECOVERY OF PIPE FROM OIL FIELDS -- Scantela, No 1294, 5 Dec 48

More than 7,000 meters of pipe have been removed from the ground in the petroleum fields of the Prahova Valley. This pipe was formerly used to carry petroleum to the refineries, but since the nationalization of the petroleum industry the pipe lines which belonged to the former individual companies were no longer necessary because one line could carry all of the oil. The recovered pipe will be sent to other fields or used for gas mains.

COMANESTI-BACAU COAL BASIN -- Scantela, No 1296, 8 Dec 48

At the "Rafira" mine in the Comanesti-Bacau coal basin, the production of coal per man per shift has increased from 1.5 carts to 2.6 carts since the mechanization of the mine. The seams which are being exploited are only about 40 centimeters thick and had not been mined by the former owners.

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